

**Remark**

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended.

Claims 1, 19 and 22 have been amended. Claims 2, 7-9, 14-17 and 25 have been canceled. Therefore, claims 1, 3-6, 10-13 and 18-24 are now presented for examination.

**Double Patenting**

Claims 22-25 are rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 18, 21 and 22 of U.S. Patent No. 7,016,429.

Claims 22-25 have been amended significantly and now include the limitations of Claim 1, 7, 8, and 9. Accordingly, as there is no double patenting rejection against Claim 9, this rejection is traversed.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

The Examiner has indicated that Claim 9 would be allowable, if amended to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 1 is amended above to include the limitations of Claim 9 and intervening claims 7 and 8. Accordingly, Claim 1 and the claims that depend therefrom are believed to be allowable.

Similarly, Claims 19 and 22 have been amended to include the limitations of Claims 1, 7, 8, and 9. Accordingly, Claims 19, 22, and the claims that depend therefrom are believed to be allowable.

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**Conclusion**

Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections have been overcome by the amendment and remark, and that the claims as amended are now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the rejections be withdrawn and the claims as amended be allowed.

**Invitation for a Telephone Interview**

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

**Request for an Extension of Time**

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

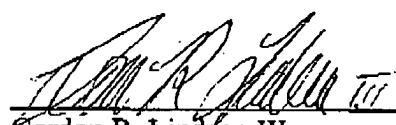
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Respectfully submitted,

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